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 A TARGET COMPOUND )  
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 BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the Invention statement starting on line 1, please insert 4 This application claims priority of European application 99870106.4, filed May 19, 1999, and European application 00870025.4, filed February 18, 2000. 1

On page 23 before Claim 1, please delete the word "CLAIMS" and substitute therefor--  
 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS----